SENATE BILL 2767

By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, relative to utility districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 82, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 7-82-112. In consultation with the utility management review board, the Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) shall examine all relevant issues pertaining to the following proposal:

Utility districts should be allowed to provide service to any customer located within the boundaries of an adjoining utility district if the customer has previously petitioned his or her utility district for service and such utility district either refused the request or has failed to provide such service within a reasonable period.of time.

Prior to adopting its findings and recommendation, TACIR shall advertise and conduct at least one public hearing in each grand division of the state. All such public hearings shall be scheduled for days, times and locations likely to maximize attendance and participation by a broad spectrum of utility district customers. On or before January 20, 2009, TACIR shall file a final written report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, with each member of the general assembly, the chief clerk of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the state librarian, and the legislative librarian.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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